
Title: Politic Call to Anarchy

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Let it never be said
that I have augh(t) as
quarrel with my liege
Lord British, for indeed
we be of the best of
friends, sharing amicable
games of chess 'pon
winter's night, and talking
at length into the wee
hours of the issues that
affect the realm of
Britannia.

Yet true friendship
doth not prevent true
philosophical disagreement
either. While I view with
approval my lord's
affection for his carefully
crafted philosophy of the
Eight Virtues, wherein
moral behavior is
encouraged in the
populace, I view with less
approval the expenditure
of public funds upon the
construction of "shrines"
to said ideals.

The issue is not
on(e) of funds, however,
but a disagreement most
intellectual over the
proper way of humankind
in an ethical sense.
Surely freedom of
decision must be regarded
as paramount in any such
moral decision? Though
none fail to censure the
murderer, a subtler
question arises when we
ask if his behavior would
be ethical if he were
forced to it.

I say to thee, the
reader, quite flatly, that

no ethical system shall
have sway over me unless
it convinceth me, for
that freely made choice
is to me the sigh that
the system has validity.

Whereas the system
of "Virtues" that my liege
espouses is indeed a
compilation of commonly
approved virtues, I
approve of it. Where it
seeks to control the
populace and restrict
their diversity and their
range of behaviors, I
quarrel with it. And thus
do I issue this politic call
to anarchy, whilst humbly
begging forgiveness of
Lord British for my
impertinence:

Celebrate thy
differences. Take thy
actions according to they
own lights. Question from
what source a law, a
rule, a judge, and a
virtue may arise. 'Twere
possible (though I suggest
it not seriously) that a
daemon planted the seed
of these "Virtues" in my
Lord British's mind;
'twere possible that the
Shrines were but a plan
to destroy this world.
Thou canst not know
unless thou questioneth,
doubteth, and in the end,
unless thou relyest upon
THYSELF and they
judgement. I offer these
words as mere
philosophical musings for
those who seek
enlightenment, for 'tis the
issue that hath occupied
mine interest and that of
Lord British for some
time now.